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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Confirmation No. 7170
Toshio HAYASHI : Attorney Docket No. 2006_0436A
Serial No. 10/574,110 : Group Art Unit 1621
Filed June 9, 2006 : Examiner Jennifer Y. Cho

METHOD FOR OXIDATION OF AROMATIC:
COMPOUND HAVING ALKYL
SUBSTITUENT, METHOD FOR :
PRODUCTION OF AROMATIC
ALDEHYDE COMPOUND, AND METHOD :
FOR PRODUCTION OF AROMATIC
CARBOXYLIC ACID ESTER :

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

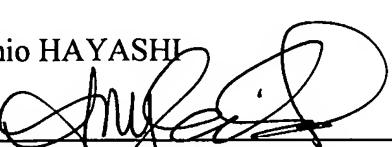
Responsive to the Office Action of June 25, 2008, constituting a requirement for restriction between Groups (I)-(II), Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, the subject matter of Group (II), claims 4, 6, and 9. This election is made while reserving Applicant's rights under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application for the non-elected subject matter of Group (I).

Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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